

CUSTER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 7, 2013

**Board Members Present:** Ray Varney, Jane Trude, Don Schafer, Deb Mitchell,  
John Leavitt, Gary Stamm, Jerry Tracewell

**Members Present:** Cindy Howard, Richard Lowe

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Ray Varney.

Treasurer's Report: Approximately \$78,000 is in the bank. There were no questions regarding the rest of the financials. Flashlights and where to buy them was discussed. John L. will buy the flashlights. The budget for 2014 was discussed and the cost of Wilderness First Aid training, MLSO and ICS 300. John L. will check on the cost of the Christmas dinner.

New ATV was discussed – Estimated cost of \$14,000+. Discussion regarding necessity of another ATV. Also discussion regarding keeping the UTV or trading it in. No decisions were made.

Addition of a new bay to the existing building was discussed. Cost would be approximately \$50,000. If we don't decide to get a new bay, we would need to decide what we would be asking for in the Spirit Campaign. Buying another Jeep that was lifted was also discussed. It was agreed to list more than one item for the Spirit Campaign.

Old Business

Flight for Life – Standard fee is \$500 per mission. If they have to refuel, it is \$1,000 per mission. Maximum is \$1,000 per search.

800 radios – Cindy and Ray each have one at home. JP has one at home. Whoever is on rotation for IC will take an 800 home for their rotation period. This will be continued until the IAC meets.

OEM meeting on October 16. Contacts from Rye will be at the meeting and there was a discussion about taking the Rye people out to lunch. John L., Ray and Cindy will attend.

MOU with S/O – Gary and Amy will meet with Sheriff Jobe and tell us the results.  
Cindy will meet with the Commissioners and update the Board.

## New Business

Email communications – Emails are public documents and are discoverable in Court. Ray suggested not doing Board business via email. Any emails regarding Board business should be sent to Ray to be put on the agenda. If the business item requires immediate attention, a special Board meeting will be called.

Public Information Officer (PIO) – In the past, that role has been designated to someone. Christie Coleman is willing to be our PIO. The IC would be the PIO or designate a PIO. There are classes available.

Food during missions in the office – It was discussed whether or not the SAR members in the office should have their lunches paid for by SAR. Jane made a motion that the SAR members in the office pay for their own lunches during missions; seconded by Deb. The motion was passed by a majority of Board members. Jerry Tracewell opposed the motion.

EOY review of individuals attendance – Discussion regarding number of meetings missed and reasons for not attending missions. It is difficult to get information from all parties who do mission callouts to find out the reasons being given for being unavailable for a mission. There was no solution readily available. Any member who is going to be out of town should contact one of the Board members. The Board member will then let Jane, Cindy and June Weber know.

Christmas Dinner – John L. will confirm the date of the dinner and the cost.

Camera purchase – Gary suggested getting a video camera for mission use. Cost would be approximately \$1600. Discussion followed. This will be revisited if there is more of a use for it.

McEwens and Hobby – Their applications have not been signed off on by the Sheriff. John L. will follow up with Fred about these 3 applications.

GPS training and prizes – The next GPS training was discussed which will be a poker run on October 12. Giving a prize was discussed. It was suggested to get donations for the prizes instead of SAR buying them. John L. and Cindy will donate prizes for the Poker Run.

Driver training – There was discussion whether or not to have driver training. It was also

discussed to log into the mission log the person who is driving each vehicle when it leaves the barn. Vehicles are being damaged and no report is made that there is damage to a vehicle. Speed of the vehicles going up South Colony Road was discussed. During the debrief for each mission, the question will be asked as to whether there was any trouble/problem with any vehicle used during the mission.

SAR IDs were discussed. We have a lot of new members who need ID cards. Call signs need to be laminated and distributed.

Captains Report: Cindy brought up a lot of things that need to be done and some suggestions for some changes. Some of the items follows: Giving out new call out numbers to all members; Instead of the name IAC, perhaps a new name – Incident Response Team; Rotation of IC was discussed; Co-Captains should take the 300 course; Need to work on new policies and procedures; Utilizing mission forms.

Office keys were discussed. The office door has been found unlocked a number of times.

The number of times that the horse team is being used needs to be reviewed. Could the horse team be used more often.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Trude, Secretary, BOD